

REMARKS

Response to Office Action

Claim 130-269 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejected claims 130-249. Claims 130, 198, 201, 204, 207, 210, 213, 218, 221, 224, and 227 are the independent claims. Claims 250-269 are new.

The Examiner rejected Claims 130-246 under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite. Applicant has changed the words “an Internet” to “the Internet” in the claims; and taken out the word substantially in the claims, as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner rejected Claim 130-248 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen, Robertazzi, Hortensius, Regenold, Wade, Besemer, Grabon, Glick, Jones, Enmei, Taafe, Kean, EDGE, Regenold, Kemien, Slater, and Steinert-Threlkeld.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection. However, in order to expedite allowance of the claims, Applicant has amended the independent claims to include the feature:

at least one internal firewall with a hardware component, the internal firewall capable of allowing and/or denying access to portions of the microchip both to at least one user of the personal computer and to at least one user of the microchip from the network during shared use of the microchip.

None of the cited prior art provides support for this limitation. All of the independent claims now have this limitation. The pending application provides support for this limitation, for example, in Figures 10A-I; page 44, line 14 - page 45, line 31; and page 35, line 32 to page 36, line 2.

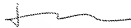
Applicant thus submits that Claims 130, 198, 201, 204, 207, 210, 213, 218, 221, 224, and 227 are in condition for allowance. All of the other pending claims are dependent on these independent claims, and are also thus allowable. No new matter has been added. Note that additional support for additional limitations to the independent and dependent claims is as follows: Claim 135 (e.g., page 72, lines 13-17); Claims 137, 147, 178, 201, 204 (e.g., page 45, lines 3-6); Claims 138, 200, 203, 206, 209, 212, 217, 220, 223, 226, 229 (e.g., page 55, line 24 to page 56, line 12); Claims 199, 202, 205, 208, 211, 214, 219, 222, 225, 228 (e.g., Figures 10A-I, page 35, line 21-page 36, line 20); Claims 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268 (e.g., Figure 16K and accompanying explanation in the specification); Claims 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269 (e.g. Figure 10A, 10C and accompanying explanation in the specification) .

Applicant believes the objections and rejections in the Office Action have been addressed and that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone should the Examiner believe that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application.

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